

# A Joyous Christmas To You

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## 'Good News of Great Joy... to All People'

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and family of David—to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

(Gospel from St. Luke)



**LITTLE CHILDREN VISIT MANGER...** At the South Bay Church of God, 17861 Yukon Ave., a living tableau of the Bethlehem manger scene is staged each evening with two performances, the first at 7 p.m. In the role of Mary, the Mother, is Mrs. Clifford Tierney, wife of the church pastor, and as Joseph is Lloyd Shahan. Little children visiting the manger are Penny Hobart, Robin Sigler, Lynn Sigler, Tommy Shahan, Bobby

White and Allen Hoops. The public is invited to see the tableau which will be staged each evening through Christmas eve. On Sunday evening there will be only one performance at 7 p.m., followed by a candlelight ceremony. The manger and crib were made by church members. Live animals are also used in the portrayal of the true Christmas story. (Herald Photo)

### J. E. Staverts Party Hosts

Red, white and silver were used in decorating the Christmas tree and buffet table last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert, 1515 Amapola when they entertained a number of guests at a cocktail party. Hours for the party were from 5 until 7:30 p.m.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walter, Garden Grove; Mr. and Mrs. John Gay, Arcadia; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Gillan and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrington, Anaheim; and Mr. L. Herklerath, Whittier.

Local invited guests were Messrs. and Mmes. H. F. Heinlein, B. T. Whitney, A. F. R. Ewalt, Robert Lewellen, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman, Dr. and Mrs. R. Bingham; Mrs. W. L. Laughon and Mrs. Lolly Aherns.

### YULE FESTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Crossman and family will join with the Neil Doyles, 5210 Stevan Ave for Christmas day festivities.

### ALUMNAE CLUB MARKS HOLIDAY

South Bay Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Club celebrated the Christmas season with a dessert meeting at the home of Mrs. Ned Bailey, 2315 Via Rivera, Palos Verdes Estates, Friday, Dec. 13. Members exchanged gifts and welcomed the 1958 officers who are to be installed at the January meeting.

Mrs. Paul Blasingame and Mrs. Dale Levander were co-hostesses.

### OFF TO OREGON

Judge and Mrs. Otto W. Willett and two sons, Steve and Bill left by car Friday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Willett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hillbrand on their farm near Salem, Ore.

### Mr. and Mrs. Edens Feted Today on 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edens, 1610 W. 215th St., are today observing their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The couple were married on Christmas Day, 1907, at Hale, Kans. in a double wedding ceremony at the home of the bride's father. A reception is being held

### Holiday Tea

A Christmas Tinsel Tea was hosted Friday afternoon by Mrs. Kenneth McVey, 3825 W. 176th St.

Guests were served from a table which featured a striking white driftwood branch with black ornaments. The candle holders were black wrought iron with white tapers.

Those attending included Mrs. John Arnesmeyer, E. Carlstrom, Wilson Willey, Rod Baile, Kenneth Judd, T. R. Jackson, Edward Beck, Stanley Hoffman, D. Maier, Eugene Phillips, Willard Waddell, Raymond Andicochea, Ronald Stamm, William Boell, William Dickson, Jack Miller, J. R. Sanders, William Cassida, Henry Wagner, Lloyd Waggoner, and D. D. Tuttle.

### Don Smiths Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith were hosts in their Hollywood Riviera home at a Christmas party for their fellow workers at Douglas Aircraft on Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

Guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Stanley Baranowski, Oliver Burns, Alex Janosz, M. H. Johnson, Ira Kaskal, F. T. Marker, John Roethlisberger, Ed McCormick, Harold Strand, William Heath, Dan Marsha; and Mmes. Gerry Alvarez, Clara Norkin, Dorothy Whitley.

Also enjoying the smorgasbord dinner and dancing were Misses Elizabeth Davis, Barbara Slother, Barbara Frolich, and Messrs. Vick Surdez, M. A. Swenson, Joe Basky, Tony Rezzo and Gene Grice. Mrs. Don Smith is president of the Tierra del Rey Parlor 300, Hermosa Beach, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

### DINNER GUESTS

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert will be their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrington and Steve of Anaheim, Mrs. Madelyn Harrington, Westwood and Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Malley, Culver City.

### YULE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson of Tucson, Ariz., arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McVey, 3825 W. 176th St.

### Snows Hosts At Holiday Parties

The holiday season has been the inspiration for two lovely parties given by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snow, 1820 Beech.

Last Saturday evening the hosts invited a group of friends to join them for cocktails and a buffet supper. The rooms used in entertaining were elaborate in the Christmas decor.

Enjoying this affair were Messrs. and Mmes. Charles Sanders, Otto Slaton, Carl Allen and Ivin Ward of Long Beach; Mrs. and Mmes. Don Lasell, G. Barkdull, Harold Mattoon, George Pearson, James Wilkes, James Osborne; and Mrs. Fern Laughon of Torrance.

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Snow are entertaining as a compliment to Mrs. Snow's sister, Mrs. Carrie Squires of Ashtabula, Ohio, who has arrived to spend the holidays here.

Invited to today's party are Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Gillespie, Max Herzig, G. W. Wegner, L. G. Barkdull; Mmes. Bess Myers, Alma Smith, Grace Groat, Nell Conant and Mr. Martin Arbaugh.

The dining table will be centered by a gold and white anniversary cake. Assisting will be Mrs. Charles Bakovic, Miss Garda Edens, a granddaughter, and Mrs. Ruby Edens.

Miss Mary Edens, a granddaughter, will register the guests using a pen which was used at the wedding in 1907. Candies will be served from two candy dishes that were wedding presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edens are former residents of Coffeyville, Kans. They have lived in California for 12 years and in Torrance for four years. They are the parents of four sons, Bill and John Edens of Torrance and Milford and Doyle Edens of Tyro, Kans. They also boast 13 grandchildren.

Arriving yesterday from Kansas were Mr. and Mrs. Milford Edens and their family who came especially for this event.

Mr. Edens is a retired farmer. He and Mrs. Edens are active in the Torrance Assembly of God Church.

### COUPLES ENJOY EVENING OUT

Mr. and Mrs. William Schuchman, 5357 Linda Dr. and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McPherson of Ellinwood Ave. spent a delightful evening at the Polynesian last Saturday. The island atmosphere was especially exciting for Mr. and Mrs. Schuchman who lived in Hawaii from 1942 to 1949. Mr. Schuchman was a teacher for the navy there and Mrs. Schuchman was an artist.

### Carving From Bethlehem Displayed at Open House

A Nativity scene carved from the olive branches that grow in the Holy Land brought Bethlehem, place of the birth of the Christ Child, close to the 150 guests attending the open house given last Sunday afternoon by Rev. and Mrs. John Taylor, 1542 El Prado.

The Nativity scene was brought back from Bethlehem by the Taylors who visited there last summer. Also on display were two yellow tapers given to the Taylors by their guide who asked them to burn them at Christmas and think of him.

Another touch of the Holy Land was in the dresses worn by Mrs. Taylor and her sister, Mrs. Robert Goodale. They were made of material purchased by Mrs. Taylor in Lebanon.

The dining table, from which punch and Christmas delicacies were served, was centered by an arrangement of poinsettias flanked by tall Christmas candles.

Assisting in extending hospitality during the receiving hours from 2 to 10 p.m., were Mmes. John Keefer, John Almond, John Aggola, H. L. McCool, Lucille Meyers, James Cahow, Harry Bender, Roy Goree, Oscar Olson, Dale Hartner, Harold Hutchison, Chelcia Shelby, Ralph King, Richard Brundin, Robert Laurent.

Others serving were Mmes. Clina Holland, Emil Settlege, Mervin Schwab, Charles Muller, Bruce Smith, Robert Goodale; and Misses Delyna Smith, Betty Hope, Sally Mason and Sally Smith.

### BETHEL PARTY

Following the regular meeting Tuesday evening, Job's Daughter Bethel 50 enjoyed the annual Christmas party. Gifts were opened around the Christmas tree. Punch and cup cakes were served.

### HOLIDAY HOSTS

Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Stong of Pasadena will be hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Judd and youngsters Mark and Kristie, 4139 W. 173rd St., Christmas day.

### BUFFET SUPPER

Open house with a buffet supper will be held Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Judd, 4139 W. 173rd St.

Out-of-town guests will include Mrs. Madelon Gutierrez of Los Angeles, Doyle Hunt of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. William Webbeking of Banning, Jay Wesley Johnson of Redondo Beach, Ralph Wheeler of Gardena, Mr. and Mrs. James Pangburn of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ruth Bartlett of Los Angeles.

### RESORT VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gilbert and children, Winky, Ricky, Kerry and Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Gae Tanza and children, Eric, Ian and Michael are planning to spend several days at Idylwild after Christmas.

### Club Stages Christmas Festivity

Mrs. Joel Canby, director of the YWCA was the guest speaker at the annual Christmas party of the Torrance Woman's club Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse. Mrs. Canby's topic was "The Five Pillars of Islam."

Prior to the program, a pot luck luncheon was enjoyed amid a gala Christmas decor. Center of attraction was the huge Christmas tree decorated with greeting cards sent to the club.

Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, conducted the short business meeting and a gift exchange followed the program.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Parke Montague and Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, hospitality chairman.

### Yuletide is Celebrated

The warmth and sparkle of the Yule holidays was much in evidence last evening when a group of friends gathered for cocktails at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomsen, 1447 El Prado. Co-hosts at the cocktail party were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rugraff.

After enjoying Christmas cheer around the decorated Christmas tree, the group then went to the home of Mrs. Laura Felker, 3429 Paseo del Campino for dinner. After dinner a gift exchange was held.

Together for the evening were Messrs. and Mmes. John Melville, Robert Moffitt, Howard Schott, Lee Kendall, Kenneth Dudley, Delbert Thomsen, Ralph Rugraff, and Mrs. Felker.

### VISIT PARENTS

Army Pvt. Anthony Lewis and his wife are expected to arrive here Sunday to spend the holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Larson, 23708 Lucille Ave.

Pvt. Lewis, who is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and his wife will be here for about a week.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

As is their annual custom the H. Fink Jrs. and the Al Klempans will join together to celebrate Christmas Eve.

This year, the Klempans, 3950 Newton St., and their youngsters Terri, Ricky, Muffin, Deedie, Scotty and Jeff will entertain the Finks and their children, Paul, Dee and Carla.



**A MANGER REPLICA...** Made of olive wood, often referred to in the scriptures, is the Nativity scene brought from Bethlehem by the Rev. and Mrs. John Taylor. The scene was on display along with candles from the Holy Land at the open house given last Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist parsonage by the pastor and his wife who visited the Holy Land last summer. Approximately 150 guests attended the affair.



**MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH EDENS**  
... On Golden Wedding Day